

Student Policy Guide



PLATO VIRTUAL
ACADEMY



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About PLATO Virtual Academy

Course Length

Students are given a maximum of **18 weeks** to complete a **one-half credit** course during fall and spring semesters. Courses can be completed prior to the 18 weeks. During a Summer School session, students have a maximum of 8 weeks to complete a one-half credit course. Courses can be completed anytime within the 8-week period.

Course Content

All semester-based courses are **one-half credit**. Courses consist of a blend of self-paced and guided instruction that includes tutorials, mastery tests, offline activities, and other activities that require completion for course credit. Each course has a required final exam, which must be proctored by the site coordinator.

Attendance

Students are required to work consistently and to follow the pacing provided in the PLATO Virtual Academy Student Information System (SIS). Students may complete more than what the pacing suggests each week and are encouraged to do so. Another important part of attendance is regular communication with PLATO Virtual Academy online teachers and Academy staff. Students are expected to respond within 24 hours to any emails they receive.

Earning Credit and Grading Policy

To earn one-half credit, students must meet three requirements:

- Submit all coursework
- Earn a combined average of 60 percent or higher on the midterm and final exam
- Earn a 60 percent or higher average for the overall class.

Transcripts

Students and parents may access a student's unofficial transcript in the PLATO Virtual Academy Student Information System (SIS) by selecting the Transcript option from the main menu. Official transcripts, with the PLATO Virtual Academy seal, are available upon request. To request an Official Transcript, a student or parent should email a request to the Registrar at platovirtual@plato.com. The email should include the student's name and the address of where the transcript

should be sent. There is no fee for ordering a transcript.

PLATO Virtual Academy Student Code of Conduct

PLATO Virtual Academy adheres to set policies to maintain the academic integrity of its curriculum, students, and staff. The policies address the consequences for noncompliance, as noted below. All students must read and sign the Student Code of Conduct in order to proceed with the enrollment process.

Academic Misconduct

Academic Misconduct, in any form, is not tolerated. Academic misconduct includes, but is not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, copying another student's work or allowing another student to copy your work. If academic misconduct is found, the following consequences will result:

- First offense: zero on the assignment, a written warning, and a note added to the records of the students involved
- Second offense: zero on the assignment and a referral to the administration for possible withdrawal

Defiance of Authority/Insubordination

Disobedience or noncompliance toward any staff member of the PLATO Virtual Academy is considered insubordination. That includes refusal to maintain communication with PLATO staff. An act of insubordination may occur in any situation or communication, including, but not limited to, in an e-mail, during a phone conversation, or in person. If defiance of authority or insubordination is found, the following consequences will result:

- First offense: referral to a guidance counselor
- Second offense: referral to administration for possible withdrawal

Computer Misuse

Any student who attempts to access the secure information of PLATO Virtual Academy or PLATO Learning, Inc.® or its affiliates in an improper manner, uses another student's or staff member's log-in information to gain access to information, intentionally attempts to obtain access to areas or information not

open to normal access, or engages in any act similar to the above, has committed a computer misuse. If computer misuse is found, the following consequences will result:

- First offense: Depending on the nature of the offense, the consequences can include a written warning, referral to a guidance counselor, suspended access to PLATO courseware, or administrative referral possible withdrawal.
- Second offense: Referral to the administration for possible withdrawal

Deviation from the above consequences:

Notwithstanding anything in this Policy to the contrary, the Plato Virtual Academy reserves the right to modify the consequences or action taken against a student violating this Policy in the Plato Virtual Academy's sole discretion for reasons including, but not limited to, the severity of or damages caused by the violation or to ensure compliance with applicable law.

Internet Acceptable Use Policy

The internet is a compilation of many networks that supports the open exchange of information for research and educational purposes. The internet can be accessible to anyone, anywhere, anytime.

Students must understand that by using the network, their actions can be monitored at any time by a teacher or administrator.

Internet-Terms and Conditions of Use

- Users will not be abusive in PLATO Virtual Academy messages to others. They will not use offensive, obscene, or harassing language when using any PLATO Virtual Academy or PLATO Learning, Inc., or its affiliates' systems or software.
- Users will not reveal personal addresses or phone numbers of other users.
- Users will not post information if it violates the policy of others, jeopardizes the health and safety of students, plagiarizes the work of others, is a commercial advertisement, or is not approved by the teacher or school administrator. Users will accept responsibility for all materials they link to or upload.
- Users shall promptly report any inappropriate material they receive.
- Users will not attempt to log in to the network using any other user's name and password.

- Users accept and acknowledge that additional documents and paperwork may be required, including but not limited to documents requiring agreement and signature upon the request of PLATO Virtual Academy administration.
- Any and all student-produced Web pages will be subject to the approval of the teacher or school administrator.
- Vandalism will result in the cancellation of privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy the data of another user, agency, or PLATO. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses.
- In the event of a virtual field trip, all users will conduct themselves in accordance with the Policy or agreement applicable to the field trip.

Academic Integrity Contract

1. I will do my own work.
2. I will not copy another person's work, in whole or in part, and turn it in as my own.
3. I will not consult unauthorized material or information during tests unless my teacher gives me permission.
4. I will not plagiarize.
5. I will not copy text, graphics, mathematics solutions, artistic layouts or presentations, or any ideas in any form from another source without proper citation.
6. I will not communicate exam information or answers during or following an exam.
7. I will not provide unwarranted access to materials or information so that credit may be wrongly claimed by others.
8. I will not turn in an original paper or project more than once for different classes or assignments.
9. I will not, in laboratory situations, falsify or fabricate data or observations, including computer output.

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